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## ABSTRACT

A gene encoding an acetyltransferase inactivating streptogramin A was isolated from an *Enterococcus faecium* strain and sequenced. The gene, designated *vat*E, encodes a 23,775 kDa protein exhibiting 48.5 to 59.9 % amino acid identity with four other enzymes with the same activity, *Vat*, *Vat*B, *Vat*C and *Sat*A.

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